

Historic Interpreter & Volunteer Training Offered

On Saturday, March 13, from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, March 14, from 1 – 5 pm Pricketts Fort will offer basic training for anyone who is presenting historical information to the public. Learn the background information needed to be an effective volunteer at the park or just take it for your own interest and enjoyment.

In the first part of the workshop, participants will learn a variety of means to find historical resources within reach and apply key tests to those resources to help judge their quality. Then students will learn several effective methods for presenting history to diverse, target audiences. Presenters Doug Wood and Dianne Anestis will provide insight into turning gems of research into sensory experiences that audiences will remember.

In the second part of the workshop, a variety of speakers will provide an overview of the history and culture of the 18th c community that is portrayed at Pricketts Fort by our historic interpreters. Topics to be covered include: Local History; 18th c Clothing; Militias and Longhunters; Traders and Trade Goods, American Indians, Job Prickett House, Colonial Children, Use of Plants, and Farming and Agriculture. While some of this information will be specific to Pricketts Fort, much of it can be applied to other historic sites.

This is required training for all new staff and volunteers and is strongly encouraged for all current staff and volunteers. Cost for PFMF members is \$27 and \$30 for non-members. (Free for current PFMF Staff and Volunteers) Fee covers instruction and all materials provided. Bring a brown bag lunch. The workshop will meet in the Visitor Center.

Registration is limited. Call the foundation office (304) 363-3030 or register on line through the gift shop page.